



ARIZONA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Regular Session Minutes

February 4, 2011

Board Members Present: Rebecca Grabski, OTA, Chair
John Tutelman, Vice – Chair, Public Member
Laura Beckman, OTR Member
Deborah Devine, Public Member
Christine Feltman Rosenberg, OTR Member

Staff Present: J. Randy Frost, Executive Director
Vicki Egurrola, Administrative Assistant

Legal Representative: Montgomery Lee, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Arizona State Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners was called to order at 1:35 p.m. Rebecca Grabski, Chair presiding.

Roll Call

All Board members were present.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Session Minutes of January 7, 2011

Deborah Devine moved to approve the January 7, 2011 meeting minutes as amended. Christine Feltman Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Declaration of Conflicts

There were no conflicts.

Review Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the meeting schedule and no changes were made.

March 11, 2011
April 8, 2011
May 13, 2011

a. Initial Review of New Complaints

Melanie Conaster, OT-11-3009

The Board reviewed, and discussed the complaint filed against Melanie Conaster.

The complainant, Rachel Kongshaug, appeared before the Board to explain the reason for her complaint. Ms Kongshaug addressed the Board and stated that she and Melanie Conaster were business partners but decided to close their business. In the process of closing the business , Ms Kongshaug discovered that documentation she had requested from Ms. Conaster was incomplete. She said she felt compelled to file the complaint based on her discovery.

Paul Kongshaug was also present to address the Board on behalf Rachel Kongshaug.

Melanie Conaster was present to respond to the complaint filed against her. Ms. Conaster answered the Boards questions and responded to allegations.

Kristan Landry and Kim Burllsen were present and addressed the Board on behalf of Melanie Conaster.

Following the discussion, the Board determined that more information was required. Board Staff was directed to contact The DES Division of Developmental Disabilities, witnesses and the parents of children who received services.

b. Open Complaints/Investigations

1. Kordell Howell, OTA-10-3939

The Board reviewed and discussed the complaint filed against Kordell Howell.

Mr. Howell was present and appeared before the Board. He explained to the Board that the company with which he was employed stated, after an initial review of the allegations, they felt that there was no fault on his part. Mr. Howell explained to the Board that while walking, he was looking down at his notes and tripped. While trying to gain his balance, he tripped over another therapist and caused the therapist and a patient to fall. The patient was injured during the fall.

Board Chair, Rebecca Grabski informed Mr. Howell that the complaint stated, while in the process of treating a patient, he and another therapist had been attempting to trip each other causing a patient to fall. As a result, the patient was injured.

Ms.Grabski and other Board members asked various questions of Mr. Howell regarding the event spelled out in the complaint. Mr. Howell answered the Board's questions.

Following the discussion, the Board directed staff to contact the Physical Therapy Board to see if a complaint had been filed against the Physical Therapy Assistant that was involved in the incident. Staff was also directed to contact the rehab director and the witness.

c. Complaint Action Status Report

The Board discussed the Complaint Status Report of the following licensees:

Susan Nesbit, 09-OT-4090
 Tracy Schultze, 10-OTA-3712
 Cheryl Collins-Williams 10-OT-0466

Following the discussion, the Board directed staff to send a letter to the Attorney of Ms. Collins-Williams requesting the signed Consent Agreement.

Substantive Review, Discussion, and Vote Re: Applications for Licenses as Follows:

a. Initial Application

Jill Berg	Michael Briones	Lena Camou	Julianne Dahl
Ellen Dishler	Alycia Dotseth	Lauren Foss	Susan Gregg
Diane Hall	Wendy Hunt	Elsa Leang	Louise Martin
Amber Mendoza	Julie Meshanko	Andre Naylor	Madison Oslund
Laurie Pietkiewicz	James Runyon	Michelle Simon	Ramona Soto
Bryan Widdison			

John Tutelman moved to approve the 21 initial applications on the list. Deborah Devine seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

b. Renewal of Licenses

Rebecca Andrews	Phaedra Antioco	Vivian Barrett	Angela Boehm
Jennifer Brandt	Marion Camping	Lauren Cieslak	Denny Davis
Joy Davis	Briana Dobyns	Kris Edwards	Kylee Elovitz
Colette Eneboe	Joselyn Fenley	Philip Fisher	Lorinda Fleming
Karey Ford	Michael Ford	Christian Fortunato	Benita Gettel
Angela Goorman	Kimberly Hanson	Brittney Hendricks	Shaaron Hunter
Daylyn Ison	Courtney Jiura	Holly Jones	Megan Jones
Rodney Joseph	Shawn Keams	Nicole Kell	Buffey Lamoreaux
Lisa Liljenquist	Dearl Lilley	Miranda Materi	Ivy Medow
Melissa Miller	Monica Monroe	Catherine Mulholland	Jessica Nalewjka
Kimberly Olson	Dana Ormerod	Benjamin Peay	Tara Poloni
Kathleen Powell	Matthew Press	Cristina Rios	RayAnna Rohn
Jennifer Roselli	Emilie Saftoiu	Julia Saguier	Shelley Sedwick
Kaela Sonstegard	Danica Steinle	Kathy Stouffer	Dioscoro Tagle Jr.
Amanda Taylor	Clare Thornton	Lynn Urban	Lisa Walters
Andrienne Weisz			

Rebecca Grabski moved to approve 60 of the 61 renewal applications listed excluding license 2296. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed and discussed the renewal application of Kimberly Olson license no. 2296. Following the discussion, John Tutelman moved to approve the renewal application of Ms. Olson. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Upon approval of Ms. Olson’s license, John Tutelman moved to open a complaint against Ms. Olson for continuing to practice while her license had lapsed and offer her a consent agreement for decree of censure. Ms. Olson will have 30 days from the acceptance of the consent agreement to notify all clients and insurance companies that she had provided Occupational Therapy services while her license was expired. Proof of notification to be provided to the Board. Deborah Devine seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

b. Limited Permits

Valerie Elam	Angela Perez	Ashley Schoonover	Ashley Scott
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Deborah Devine moved to approve the 4 limited permits listed. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Review, discussion and Possible Action on Administrative Matters

- a. Revenue and expenditure report

The Board reviewed and discussed the revenue and expenditure report.

- b. Administrative Project Status Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the Administrative Project Status Report.

Other Board Business

- a. Statute/Rule Sub Committee Update.

Laura Beckman and Christine Feltman Rosenberg updated the Board on some of the suggested changes to the Boards Statutes. The Board reviewed and discussed the changes.

- b. Correspondence from Attorney Teresa Sanzio, representing Clovis Atkinson.

Ms. Sanzio was present to address the Board regarding her client Clovis Atkinson. Ms Sanzio addressed the Board on whether or not Ms Atkinson must apply for an initial license or if she could reinstate her revoked license. Ms Sanzio stated that there seems to be confusion with the the Statutes and Rules regarding this matter.

Laura Beckman made a motion to go in to Executive Session at 1:40 pm to receive legal advice. Deborah Devine seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 1:52 pm.

After returning from Executive Session, Board Chair, Rebecca Grabski informed Ms. Sanzio that the Board reviewed with Legal Council the Statutes and Rules regarding the renewal of a revoked license verses applying for an initial license.

John Tutelman moved, after careful review of the Boards Statutes and Rules that the Board determine that a person whose license has been revoked must apply for an initial license. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

c. Nomination and election of Board Chair

John Tutelman moved to re-elect the current Chair, Rebecca Grabski. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

d. Nomination and election of Board Vice-Chair

Rebecca Grabski moved to re-elect the current Vice-Chair, John Tutelman. Christine Feltman Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0

Agenda items for next month's meeting

No new items were presented

Call to the Public

A call for public comment was issued.
No public addressed the Board at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board.
The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Randy Frost
Executive Director